

CLAIMS:

1. A signal processing method utilizing a partial response to record information on a medium
5 and then regenerate the information from the medium, wherein
a regeneration signal from the medium is subjected to an equalizing process including the convolution of
10 $(k-s \cdot D)$
where D : one (1) bit delay operator, and
 k, s : positive integer, $k \neq s$.
2. The signal processing method according to
15 claim 1, wherein the information is decoded from the equalized signal by use of maximum-likelihood detection.
3. A signal processing circuit utilizing a
20 partial response to record information on a medium through a recording system and regenerate the information from the medium through a regenerating system, wherein
the regenerating system includes an
25 equalizer subjecting a regeneration signal from the medium to the convolution of
 $(k-s \cdot D)$

where D: one (1) bit delay operator, and
k, s: positive integer, $k \neq s$.

4. The signal processing circuit according to
5 claim 3, wherein it comprises a
maximum-likelihood detector which decodes the
information from an output signal of the equalizer
by use of maximum-likelihood detection.
- 10 5. A signal recording/regenerating apparatus
utilizing a partial response to record
information on a medium through a recording system
and regenerate the information from the medium
through a regenerating system, wherein
15 the regenerating system includes an
equalizer subjecting a regeneration signal from
the medium to the convolution of
 $(k-s \cdot D)$
where D: one (1) bit delay operator, and
20 k, s: positive integer, $k \neq s$.
6. The signal recording/regenerating apparatus
according to claim 5, wherein it comprises a
maximum-likelihood detector which decodes the
25 information from an output signal of the equalizer
by use of maximum-likelihood detection.

7. A signal processing method utilizing a partial response to record information on a medium and then regenerate the information from the medium, wherein

5 a record signal recorded on the medium is subjected to the convolution of

$$(1-D)$$

where D: one (1) bit delay operator, and wherein

10 a regeneration signal from the medium is subjected to an equalizing process including the convolution of

$$(k-s \cdot D) \cdot (1+D)^n$$

where D: one (1) bit delay operator,

15 k, s: positive integer, and

n: positive integer, except 2.

8. The signal processing method according to claim 7, wherein the information is decoded from
20 the equalized signal by use of maximum-likelihood detection.

9. A signal processing circuit utilizing a partial response to record information on a medium
25 through a recording system and regenerate the information from the medium through a regenerating system, wherein

the recording system includes a circuit unit
subjecting a record signal recorded on the medium
to the convolution of

$$(1-D)$$

5 where D: one (1) bit delay operator,
and wherein

the regenerating system includes an
equalizer subjecting an output signal from the
medium to the convolution of

10 $(k-s \cdot D) \cdot (1+D)^n$

where D: one (1) bit delay operator,
k, s: positive integer, and
n: positive integer, except 2.

15 10. The signal processing circuit according to
claim 9, wherein it comprises a
maximum-likelihood detector which decodes the
information from an output signal of the equalizer
by use of maximum-likelihood detection.

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11. A signal recording/regenerating apparatus
utilizing a partial response to record
information on a medium through a recording system
and regenerate the information from the medium
25 through a regenerating system, wherein

the recording system includes a circuit unit
subjecting a record signal recorded on the medium

to convolution of

$$(1-D)$$

where D: one (1) bit delay operator, and wherein
the regenerating system includes an

5 equalizer subjecting a regeneration signal from
the medium to the convolution of

$$(k-s \cdot D) \cdot (1+D)^n,$$

where D: one (1) bit delay operator,

k, s: positive integer, and

10 n: positive integer, except 2.

12. The signal recording/regenerating apparatus
according to claim 11, wherein it comprises a
maximum-likelihood detector which decodes the
15 information from an output signal of the equalizer
by use of maximum-likelihood detection.